

31 North Rules

All scheduled games must be played. (EXCEPTION: FORFEITED GAMES)

All pitching rules and required rest periods apply.

The time of the make-up game will be determined by the **HOME PARK** with the agreement of the visitors.

Time limits will be as follows:

5/6 and 7/8	1 Hour 30 Minutes
9/10 and 11/12	1 Hour and 45 Minutes

Any problems occurring at any park will be resolved through the chain of command. **NOTE:** If you have a problem it will go to that Park's President; if he or she cannot solve the problem, it will then be turned over to the President of 31 North; if still not resolved, it will go to the Dizzy Dean District Director. Any problem must be reported within 48 hours. Any reported over 7 days will be disregarded.

The first day of the week for all questions relating to players' eligibility shall be Monday and the last day shall be Sunday.

Except where otherwise specifically set forth in the rules, the official rule book of Dizzy Dean Baseball, Inc. shall govern the rules of play.

Substitution rules must be followed as set forth in the Dizzy Dean rule book "Free Substitution".

There shall be **NO SMOKING OR USE OF TOBACCO IN ANY FORM** on the playing field, by **ANYONE –UMPIRES INCLUDED.**

5 – 6 YEAR OLD SPECIAL RULES

Basic Rules of Baseball and Dizzy Dean Baseball shall apply except as altered by the following additions and exceptions:

Each team will bat the roster

Teams in age groups 5-8 may play with **NINE** players or borrow **one** from another team in that age group to make 9 or 10 provided the borrowed player is from your park. If you go to another park with nine players, you must play with nine. Borrowed player must play outfield and bat last. If at any time you have 8 kids or less (counting borrowed players) your forfeit the game.

Effective with the 2010 Baseball Season the 5/6 age group will operate in a 3/2 format for the first half of the season. Each child will get 3 pitches and then go to a T. The coach may elect to just pitch to the batter; however, this designation must be made before the at-bat begins, if not after 3 pitches the child **MUST** go to a tee. IF the coach elects not to use the tee (must be declared before the at-bat) then the child may then strike out on three pitches.

[In the judgment of the umpire, if the coach is intentionally throwing un-hittable pitches, the batter is out. Once the batter is called out, the pitching coach will receive a warning, and then on the next instance he will be removed.

*If the pitcher fields the ball and is closer to 1st base than the rubber, he can tag the runner. If he is closer to the rubber, he **MUST** throw the ball. Same rule applies to 3rd base.*

If a ball is hit to the outfield the outfielder must throw the ball in. They cannot run it into the infield. The infielder can go and take the cut-off throw. The outfielder must throw the ball the cut-off man. (NOT HAND IT TO HIM) - Penalty is umpire judgment. If the umpire hears any coach tell his infielder to get the ball – Automatic HR.] These are all judgment calls and cannot be argued. If anything looks like a normal baseball play, whether explained in

these rules or not it will be allowed. The purpose of these rules is to try and get coaches to teach their kids the proper way to play baseball.

FARM LEAGUE (7/8) COACH PITCH

Basic Rules of Baseball and Dizzy Dean Baseball shall apply except as altered by the following:

Each team will bat roster

Teams in age groups 5-8 may play with **NINE** players or borrow one from another team in that age group to make 9 or 10 provided the borrowed player is from your park. If you go to another park with nine players, you must play with nine. Borrowed player must play outfield and bat last. If at any time you have 8 kids or less (counting borrowed players) your forfeit the game.

9-10 & 11-12 SPECIAL RULES

Basic Rules of Baseball and Dizzy Dean Baseball shall apply except as altered by the following additions and exceptions:

Each team will bat roster

Play 9 on defense

Teams in age groups 9-12 may play with **EIGHT** players or borrow one from another team in that age group to make 8 or 9 provided the borrowed player is from your park. If you go to another park with eight players, you must play with eight. Borrowed player must play outfield and bat 9last. If at any time you have 7 kids or less (counting borrowed players) your forfeit the game.

All age groups – batting the roster

You must bat the roster. In 5-8 yr olds if a player(s) becomes ill, injured, leaves, etc. and you are left with only 8 players or less, you forfeit the game.

If you start the game with 9 or 10 players and a player becomes injured or ill and that batter cannot bat, then the game will continue but it will be an automatic out when his spot in the line-up comes up. Once the player is removed from the game he cannot return. If b/c you are batting your roster you have 11 or more kids in the line-up and one of them becomes ill, injured or leaves and has to removed from the game, then it will not be considered an out. Their spot will be skipped in the line-up for the remainder of the game. Once removed from the game that player will not be allowed to re-enter the game. If a player shows up late for the game and the line-up has already been turned in, then you may choose not to play them or bat them in the last spot of the batting line-up. You must notify the other team before the child bats.

You must bat the roster. In 9-12 yr olds if a player(s) get hurt, injured, leaves, etc. and you are left with only 7 players, you forfeit the game. If you start the game with 9 players and a player becomes injured or ill and that batter cannot bat, then the game will continue but it will be an automatic out when his spot in the line-up comes up. Once the player is removed from the game he cannot return. If b/c you are batting your roster you have 10 or more kids in the line-up and one of them becomes ill, injured or leaves and has to removed from the game, then it will not be considered an out. Their spot will be skipped in the line-up for the remainder of the game. Once removed from the game that player will not be allowed to re-enter the game. If a player shows up late for the game and the line-up has already been turned in, then you may choose not to play them or bat them in the last spot of the batting line-up. You must notify the other team before the child bats.